



Health Care Reform Coordinating Council

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Access to Care

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Supporting Safety Net Provider Capacity

- CHRC business plan in February 2012 – specific recommendations to bolster capacity of safety net providers:
 1. Transition from grant-based revenue models to billing third-party payers (more sustainable);
 2. Promoting IT/EMR adoption and administrative efficiencies;
 3. Supporting workforce development; and
 4. Leverage public-private partnerships.

Access to Care Regional Forums

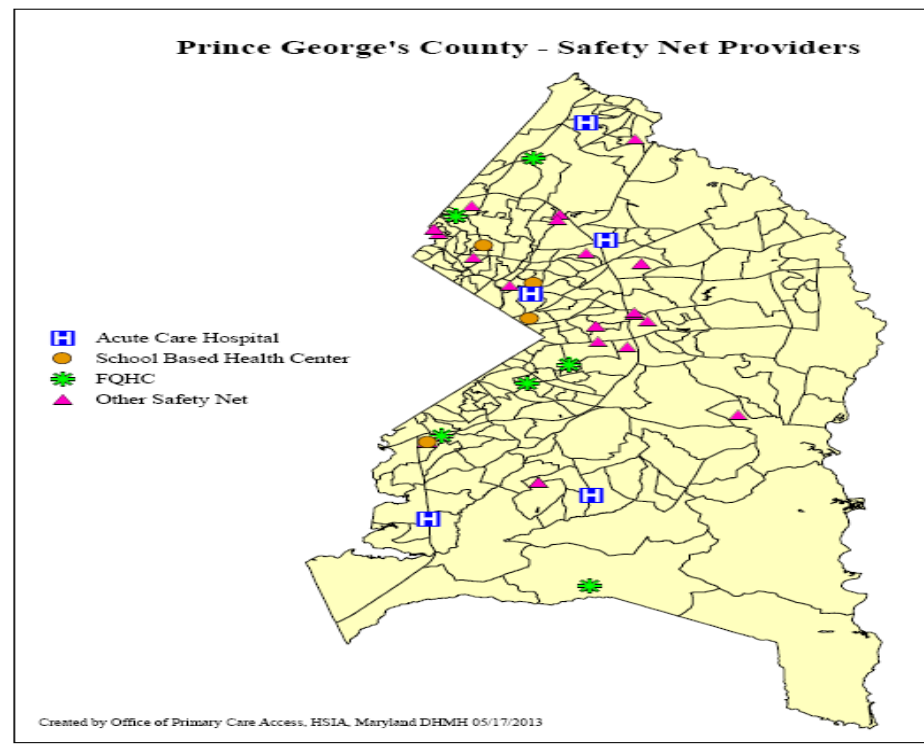
- Launched in early 2013, Access to Care Program is designed to help promote robust participation of safety net providers (history of serving low-income/uninsured) in new health insurance options made available under Affordable Care Act
- Promote continuity of care for newly insured
- Prepare to meet the expected demand for new health services by Maryland's newly insured (estimated to be 250,000)
- Interagency program of DHMH, Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, and CHRC

Access to Care Regional Forums

- Invited safety net provider organizations, Medicaid Managed Care Organizations, and commercial carriers to attend six regional networking forums held earlier this summer:
 - **Southern Maryland**: June 6
 - **Eastern Shore**: June 10
 - **Central Maryland**: June 12
 - **Western Maryland**: June 18
 - **Washington Metro region**: June 20
 - **Baltimore Metro region**: June 25
- A total of 363 individuals, representing 191 organizations, attended the forums.

Access to Care Regional Forums

- Encourage providers to establish contacts with MCOs and carriers participating in their regions
- Provide information about safety net providers to MCOs and carriers
- Promote network development



Safety Net Capacity-building Efforts

- The CHRC is scheduled to release its Call for Proposals later this month to solicit grant applications. There is just under \$3M to award in new grant funding this fiscal year.
- The Call for Proposals is expected to include efforts to provide technical assistance and support safety net capacity-building efforts.
- The CHRC was recently awarded a \$50,000 grant from Kaiser Permanente to support Maryland's safety net capacity building.